

Table 49. Principal occupation of doctoral scientists and engineers, by years since doctorate: 1997

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Principal occupation	Years since doctorate				
	Total	5 years or less	6-15 years	16-25 years	More than 25 years
Total employed (number).....	518,400	110,100	165,600	143,400	99,400
			Percent		
Science and engineering occupations.....	75	84	77	69	70
Computer and information scientists.....	5	7	5	4	3
Mathematical scientists.....	4	4	3	4	5
Life and related scientists.....	19	22	20	16	16
Physical and related scientists.....	14	13	14	12	17
Social and related scientists.....	11	11	11	13	11
Psychologists.....	9	9	10	9	5
Engineers.....	13	17	13	11	14
Non-science and engineering occupations.....	25	16	23	31	30
Top/mid-level managers, administrators, etc.....	14	5	11	19	19
Other non-S&E occupations.....	11	11	11	11	11

KEY: S = Suppressed due to too few cases (fewer than 1,000 weighted cases).

NOTES: Numbers are rounded to nearest hundred. Percents are rounded to the whole number. Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 1997.

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